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To: State Management Team

From: State Director

Subject: Submission of 2005 Applications of Science Projects in the Budget
Planning System **DD: 4/16/2004**

The Applications of Science (AOS) Initiative represents an important funding source for projects that will help us to make, implement and monitor the results of our Land Use Planning (LUP) decisions. Additional time and information afforded to the Field and State Offices by the Washington Office (WO) should increase the number of Montana projects funded by this initiative. We expect a WO data call for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 AOS projects to be field office submitted in the Budget Planning System (BPS), ranked, and state-submitted by April 30, 2004.

Field Offices should continue writing and/or refining their 2005 Applications of Science Budget Planning System (BPS) projects. Science projects less than \$50K and 2 years duration may have a greater chance of selection. Projects in the \$5K to \$10K range are very attractive, enabling the selection committee to better use total available funds. Specific project information on how a project may fit into one or more focus areas should be provided in the description block to assist the evaluation and selection process.

The four focus areas in the AOS theme are listed below.

1. Improved Access to the Bureau of Land Management's Natural Resource Information;
2. Partnerships in Science;
3. Public Lands as Laboratories; and
4. Sharing of Knowledge.

Projects already submitted in another BPS theme, but having AOS values should be copied as a **new** project and re-submitted under the Science theme (RP-13).

Field Offices are to office submit their AOS projects in BPS RP-13 theme by April 16, 2004. Follow up with an email to the Science Coordinator, Bill Volk, with the ranked BPS numbers. Please courtesy copy your email to Phyllis Brosz, Division of Resources Program Analyst. For questions and assistance, please contact Bill at (406) 896-5029.

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